

## **Mileage rates paid by some agencies in the Alberta senior-serving sector**

**(Survey and update carried out in February 2009 at a time when some agencies were considering lowering their rates in response to lower gas prices)**

***Alberta Health Services Home Care*** - Pays **43 cents/km** for drivers taking clients to medical appointments.

**Edmonton Seniors Coordinating Council** - Pays **42 cents/km**, unchanged from the rate in effect in 2008.

***ElderCare Edmonton*** - Pays **40 cents/km**.

***Jewish Family Services*** - Pays **38 cents/km** as of July 1, 2008 (up from 35 cents/km). The rate is not expected to be adjusted downwards, in part due to the fact that other vehicle operating costs are not decreasing.

***Seniors Association of Greater Edmonton (SAGE)*** - Pays **49 cents/km**. SAGE pegs its rate to the City of Edmonton's, and is required by policy to adjust its rate at least annually. In January 2009, the city manager approved a decrease in the reimbursement rate for business use of private vehicles from 52 cents/km to 49 cents/km. The city applied the new rate retroactive to Jan. 1 and it will remain in place until the end of 2009 "unless gas prices change significantly and the change lasts for 13 consecutive weeks". SAGE implemented the new rate effective March 1.

***Seniors Outreach Network Society*** - Pays staff **46 cents/km**. Agency policy is generally to pay equal to the Government of Alberta staff rates, though some variation may occur. Staff parking costs incurred while conducting agency business, such as visiting a client in hospital, are also covered.

**South East Edmonton Seniors Association (SEESA)** - Staff continue to be paid the rate of **44 cents/km**.

***Southwest Seniors Outreach Society*** - Does not have a mileage rate.

***Strathcona Place Senior Centre*** - Does not offer any mileage to any staff.

**United Active Living Inc., Calgary** - Reimburses staff at **39 cents/km**. Volunteers do not use their own vehicles.